

ABSTRACT

THESIS: Cross-Gender Cooperation in the Cold War: The Committee of Correspondence and the Central Intelligence Agency, 1953-1967

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This study examines the relationship between the Central Intelligence Agency and one of the anti-communist private organizations it sponsored during the Cold War, the Committee of Correspondence. This connection spanned from the group's founding in 1953 to public revelations of CIA funding for private institutions in 1967. As the CIA was largely controlled by men and the Committee was an organization of women, an investigation of societal gender roles was a priority. The rest of the work is devoted to discovering common and disparate elements of the two groups in order to determine what assisted or hindered their cooperation. The study concludes that the panic of the Cold War allowed gender differences to be set aside for a time but, as the sense of crisis abated, difficulties arose between the organizations.